

HENRY WILLIAMS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA
CLINTON B. TAYLOR, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

February 25, 1942

Mr. Effa Manley
Manager, Newark Eagles
71 Crawford St.
Newark, N.J.

Dear Mr. Manley,

In re. your letter dated February 21, 1942, please allow me to make the following response:

The City of Petersburg constructed a Baseball Park last May and put it in charge of a Recreation Committee of which I am the Chairman. Undoubtly, this park was not completed when you made application for its use. There are bleachers seats to seat 800 people already installed and we are expecting more before the beginning of out-door activities. We would like for your outfit to play our local organization. We have some of the best ball players we could find in a radius of 80 miles; they come from as far East as Norfolk and as far North as Richmond. The majority of them show promise. (Maybe, after you contact our outfit, you would consider Petersburg as a Farming prospect) We will offer your outfit Fifty Percent of the gross intake (deducting Fed. Tax). The admission price would be Fifty Cents (50¢), plus tax which would make the total admission 55¢. We would prefer you to come on a Sunday, because that is the only day the soldiers can get away from camp in the whole sale lots, of which, there are 7000 potential fans. We have a Negro population here of 18000 and I feel that your trip will be well worth your while, if you accept our offer. If you have any suggestions or another offer to make, we will be glad to consider the same. If Sundays are scheduled, then, maybe Easter Monday. Experience has taught me that our biggest gates have been on Sundays and Holidays.

Trusting you are able to work out something whereby your team will come to us before returning to Newark for its regular season, I am,

Yours truly,

C. B. Taylor